the answer given was in the negative. And it is now stated that the cases were already adjourned when he went to the Court. Now it is stated he was late. In the previous answer there is no such instance.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Which question do you refer to?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Question No. 131 of the Budget Session, 1104.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—The present answer is given from memory. The other answer given to question No. 131 is correct. I am not sure what answer I gave then. Now I simply gave the answer from memory. If it is there, it must be the correct answer.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—So the present answer must be incorrect.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—It may be so.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja —I want a definite answer. It is a specific question. I had put in a specific question, and it has been clearly answered.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I believe so.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know whether he appeared in Court before the case was adjourned?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I said I believe after the case was adjourned.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Have you the file here?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I have not the file with me.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—I may state the facts here. Two witnesses were examined by the Head Constable and the cases were adjourned. Then the Sub-Inspector went there and submitted a statement to the effect that two witnesses out of the three were examined and the other case was adjourned. In fact he had not done anything in that case. Is that the fact?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I do not exactly remember.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Is this Mr. P. V. Raman Menon recommended for any promotion?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I think that is not a competent question.

Opening of a new road in Kunnamkulam.

107. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—With reference to the question No. 87 of the last Budget Session, will the Government be pleased to state what steps have been taken by the Government to open the road referred to therein, which has been admitted by the Government to be necessary for the safety of the lives of women and children and whether the Government will consider the question of opening this road soon?

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Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The attention of the Member is invited to the answer to the question No. 87 of the Budget Session of 1104. The work will be taken up when funds permit.

Irrigation facilities in Alur Village.

108. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to question No. 38 (Irrigation facilities in Alur Village) of the last Budget Session, what further action has been taken by the Government in sanctioning the request contained in the petition?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Levels have been ordered to be taken for an alternative proposal of the Chief Engineer.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What is the alternative proposal?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—The alternative proposal is to have a diversion of the channel, and the other is to take the water by means of a pipe line attached to the foot-bridge conveying water from this side of the *thodu* to the other side of the *thodu*. These are the two alternative proposals. In two ways it can be done.

109. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform whether the Chief Engineer received a petition last year from Mr. Choondupurakkal Govindan Unnichira and others in Alur Village requesting to provide some irrigation facilities in their village; and if so, what is the request contained therein and what action has been taken by the Government thereon?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Yes, from one Mr. Choondupurakkal Konnan Unnichira and others.

The request is for putting up a *chira* in Alur river near Kanjirakundu and for opening a canal as far as Arod (ആറോട്) along the paddy fields for irrigating lands in Kizhakkapadom, Alur desam. The matter is being investigated by the Public Works Department.

Appointment of Village Menons.

110. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to question No. 40 of the last Budget Session what steps have been hitherto taken by the present Diwan Peishkar to give the sparsely represented classes better representation in the appointment of Village Menons; and

(2) of the Village Menons appointed by him, how many have been selected from each of the five groups referred to in the question?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—(1) Instructions have been issued to the Tahsildars with whom the power of appointment of Menons in temporary vacancies not exceeding one month rests

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